

ASKS CONSTRUCTIVE PUBLIC SERVICE LAWS

Senator Kellogg's Resolution for Investigation Covers Railroad and Wire Service.

Declaring that the time has come for some real constructive legislation upon the question of transportation facilities by rail and by water, as well as on telephone and telegraph lines, Senator Kellogg of Minnesota in the Senate today introduced a resolution directing the interstate commerce committee of the Senate to make a thorough investigation of the assumption by the government of the control of railroads and cable and telephone lines.

"I am not particularly interested," said Senator Kellogg, "in why these lines have been taken over. They have been taken over, and we should approach the subject of future ownership, control and operation in a broad, unprejudiced, business way. Nor am I going to discuss the relative advantages of government ownership or control of telegraph and telephone lines, but one thing is sure—no one will pretend that these lines can be owned and operated by the government.

"There is a question of the most vital importance to the American people and to the development of our foreign commerce and that is the extension of the cable lines. They should be extended to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Italy and, most important of all, to Brazil and Argentina.

Senator Kellogg proposes that the interstate commerce committee make this investigation, because it is all-important to the future of the country. He said that another important question is the extent to which the government should permit consolidation of the telephone, telegraph and cable systems.

COLD WAVE DUE TONIGHT SWEEPING FROM WEST

Lowest Temperature of Winter Predicted for Tomorrow—26 Below in North Dakota.

The cold wave sweeping across the country from the northwest will cause a decided drop in temperatures east of the Mississippi river tonight and tomorrow, bringing the coldest weather of the winter to date.

The weather forecast for Washington promised—or threatened—lowering temperatures and rain, probably mixed with snow.

Williston, N. D., at 8 o'clock this morning was the coldest place on the weather map, the thermometer there standing at 26 degrees below zero. In the upper Mississippi valley, the plains states and Rocky mountain and plateau regions below zero temperatures prevailed.

Rains, probably changing to snow, in the middle Atlantic states and southern New England and rains tonight and tomorrow in the south Atlantic states will be followed by unseasonably low temperatures, but the low mark of last winter is not expected to be reached in many parts of the east.

Ten Degrees Above in Texas.

DALLAS, Tex., January 2.—The southwest opened the new year with the first cold wave of the winter. With the thermometer hovering around ten degrees above zero in the northern part of the state, the cold extended away to the Gulf of Mexico.

Chicago Has Cold Wave.

CHICAGO, January 2.—Intensification of the cold wave for tonight was predicted today, with the temperature, probably touching five degrees below zero in Chicago tonight.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—Pa Had Company.



MRS. D. B. ADAMS DIES.

Former Miss Gracie Was Married Here About a Year Ago.

Mrs. Dunbar Burchell Adams, formerly Edith T. A. Gracie of Washington, died at her home in New York on Tuesday, December 31, from pneumonia induced by influenza. With her was her mother, Mrs. Archibald Gracie of this city, and members of her own and her husband's families.

Mr. Adams, who is the son of J. D. Adams of New York, is in France.

Mrs. Adams is the daughter of the late Col. Archibald Gracie, one of the few men rescued from the Titanic.

Mrs. Gracie of Washington, Her marriage to Mr. Adams, about a year ago in Washington, was an event which enlisted the interest of society in both New York and Washington.

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HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FRANCE.

Practically all correspondence of the Associated Press in an army, the size of this, scattered throughout the length and breadth of France from the seacoast to the Swiss border, the problem of communication is second only, if not of equal importance, to that of supplies.

When the American forces came to France it was one of the first efforts to which American ingenuity and invention was directed, and the Signal Corps, under which communications falls, met it as have the other organizations of the American expeditionary force. Existing French telegraph and telephone systems were overburdened. There was little left for us, and Brig. Gen. E. Russell, chief signal officer, and his staff of experts tackled the job.

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BERLIN DANCES 1918 OUT.

Crowds Approximate Those of Peace Times—Waiters Strike.

BERLIN, January 1 (by the Associated Press).—Berlin tangoed her way out of the old year, fox trotted into 1919 and started away bohemian with confetti. It was the first dancing indulged in here since the outbreak of the war and revelers made the most of it.

In the downtown section of the city the crowds approximated those of peace times and police reports showed them to have been well behaved. The only disturbances were caused by a demonstration by unemployed waiters, headed swiftly in the direction of the streets of the inner city, carrying placards demanding fixed wages and the abolition of tips.

Every restaurant and hotel dining room in Greater Berlin was closed tonight as a result of the waiters' strike. The guests in even the leading hotels were compelled to dine in their rooms and had only makeshift service.

STOCK OF WHISKY ON HAND TO DISAPPEAR IN 15 MONTHS

With 125,597,292 gallons of whisky on hand, mathematicians of the internal revenue bureau figure that in fifteen months from now there will not be a drop of the liquor, not even in Baltimore. If thirty citizens will dilute their ardent spirits more liberally the visible supply might last a little longer, but the bureau is quite convinced that John Barleycorn is headed swiftly in the direction of the undertaker.

The monthly withdrawal of liquor from the warehouses, based upon the October figures is in excess of eight million gallons. The bureau believes that the withdrawal for the next few months will be greater and that the visible supply will rapidly diminish. The states are getting ready, through their legislatures, to ratify, or refuse to ratify, the prohibitory amendment to the Federal Constitution. Anti-Saloon League leaders are quite confident that the necessary number of states will vote before spring to seal the doom of John Barleycorn.

New York, which changes hands politically today, as far as the executive arm of the state government is concerned, elected a legislature supposedly friendly to ratification.

War Craft Arrive From Overseas.

BOSTON, January 2.—The destroyers Tucker and Drayton and the converted yacht Isabel arrived here today from overseas, where they have been on patrol duty. They are the first American war vessels to come directly to this port from European waters since the conclusion of hostilities.

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Brand-New Models Worth \$25 to \$45

FRIDAY will bring fresh throngs of women to buy these magnificent NEW coats at lower prices than prevail around the city for odds and ends of pre-holiday stock.

Coats of velour, pompom and kersey, in black and ALL colors. Fur trimmed, plush trimmed and tailored. Dashing belted, empire, panel back and gathered-back styles, lined or half lined. All sizes 16 to 46.

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\$22.50

Waists, Kimonos and Children's Wear

SILK WAISTS—Clearance of \$3.50 and \$3.95 trimmed and tailored. Waists of crepe de chine, striped taffeta. G. T. P. \$2.98

KIMONOS—Women's flannelette and crepe kimonos, in figured and floral patterns; fitted and loose styles. G. T. P. \$2.25

CORSETS—King's Palace Special Corset, medium bust, long hips and four hose supports. G. T. P. 79c

KNITTED SKIRTS—Women's smart-looking knitted petticoats in gray and brown with crocheted edge. G. T. P. 69c

BATH ROBES—12 handsome, warm blanket Bath Robes, in gray and light blue figures. Sold for \$3.98. G. T. P. \$2.98

CHILDREN'S SLEEPERS—Warm flannelette sleepers in pretty stripes; made with feet. Sizes 3 to 6. 69c G. T. P.

CHILDREN'S COATS—Clearaway of handsome velvet, corduroy and plush coats, in many styles and colors; sizes 3 to 6. G. T. P. \$4.98

TOQUES—75c warm knitted wool toques in white, plain colors and colors. Slightly soiled. G. T. P. 35c

Oddments of Women's Furnishings

Special lot of jewelry sold up to 50c—hat pins, bar pins, brooches and beauty pins. 14c G. T. P.

Beautiful velvet handbags with mirror tops. Silk lined. Values \$2.98. Values \$1.98 up to \$5. G. T. P.

Odd lot leather handbags, a bit rubbed or damaged. Sold up to \$2.00. G. T. P. 45c

500 boxes fine writing paper in all shades, including mourning paper. Boxes slightly soiled from handling. Two lots at 23c and 39c Box

Fancy Leatherette Workboxes, containing materials and implements for sewing, crocheting and embroidery. 45c values, 25c. 125c values, 95c. 50c values, 39c. \$1.00 values, \$1.19

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Silks Worth Up to \$2.00 Yard. 98c

Waist and dress lengths in the wanted weaves of fine silks, including yard-wide taffeta, yard-wide satin messaline, broadcloth crepe de chine, 28-inch plain crepe de chine, yard-wide silk poplin, and other kinds.

Wash Goods Worth Up to 50c. 25c

Remnants from 2 to 10 yards long, in white and colored material. Choice of yard-wide percale, bleached and unbleached cotton, cambric flannel, domest flannel, shaker flannel, apron gingham, Riverside Prints, India linen, longcloth and nainsook. G. T. P.

CURTAIN STRIPS—Clean-up of separate strips of Nottingham lace curtains, worth up to \$2.00 a pair. 25c and 35c. Long, light and heavily worked patterns. Each strip, G.T.P. 25c.

WINDOW SHADES—Big lot opaque and Holland-finished shades in light and dark colors. 25c and 35c. Worth 75c and 98c. G. T. P. 35c.

Reduced Prices for Bedspreads

\$3.00 heavy white crocheted spread in 72x90 size, for three-quarter double bed. 25c. Nicely hemmed.

\$5.00 heavy white crocheted bedspreads, size 80x90, hemmed and fringed styles. 33c

\$6.00 fine white crocheted bedspreads, extra size, 84x96, hemmed and fringed styles. 43c

\$3.00 fine white Marseilles spreads, with extra heavy raised patterns. 73c

Hosiery and Underwear

Children's heavy ribbed school hose, durable reinforced. Sizes 1 1/2 to 10 are 25c. Sizes up to 8 are 25c.

Women's excellent quality Hosiery, in black, white, gray and brown, also split foot. 3 for \$1.00. 35c Pair.

Boys' and Girls' Essex Mills silver-gray underwear, lined with warm fleece. Vests and pants in all sizes, 2 to 16. Garment. 55c

Trimmed Hats

Friday Clearance of Worth Up to \$4.95 to \$10.00

150 beautiful silk velvet hats in the favorite midwinter styles and in large, small and medium sizes. Black, brown and taupe. Trimmed in newest effects of ostrich bands, fur, feathers and ornaments.

Clean-Up Lots of Men's Fixings

SHIRTS—Odd lot shirts with soft and stiff collars; all perfect; some a bit soiled; worth up to \$1.50. G. T. P. 89c

JEAN DRAWERS—Broken line of elastic seam jean drawers in all sizes; worth \$1.25; some slightly soiled. G. T. P. 89c

UNDERWEAR—Men's natural gray part-wool shirts and drawers; medium weight; 149c G. T. P.

SOCKS—Closing out a lot of good, serviceable socks, in black, white and colors. G. T. P. 16c

PAJAMAS—Men's \$2.00 pajamas of striped and plain percale; trimmed with silk frogs. G. T. P. \$1.69

SUSPENDERS—Men's Pioneer Brand suspenders, with strong elastic webbing and leather ends; boxed; sold for 65c. G. T. P. 50c

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Assortment of slightly soiled and mused Collars; sold up to \$1.00. G. T. P. 29c

Lot of ready-made Veils, with chenille borders; popular styles. G. T. P. 39c

Remnants of Veilings, 1 1/2 yard long; all styles of mesh and all colors. Each length. 10c to 25c

Broken lot pretty Val Laces in a range of widths and patterns. 4c

40-inch All-silk Chiffon Cloth, in black, white and colors. \$1.19

Odd and ends Women's Handkerchiefs, sold up to 25c; white with embroidered corners, also with colored borders and center. G. T. P. 15c

Lot of high-grade Switches of Human Hair; three-in-one style, in all shades. \$1.50 G. T. P.

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